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SUBJECT: LEFTERIA DISASTER

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1. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST.
 2. MAITRE WAROT, REPRESENTING AMERICAN NEXT OF KIN OF US SURVIVORS, MADE HIS PLEA FOR CIVIL DAMAGES BEFORE THE FIRST CIVIL CHAMBER OF PARIS COURT MARCH 5.
 3. CONSULAR OFFICER ATTENDED TRIAL AND HEARD MAITRE WAROT DEVELOP CASE AGAINST THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR SS FRANCE II. LAWYER EMPHASIZED THAT FRENCH COURT IN LA ROCHELLE HAS ALREADY RENDERED VERDICTS OF GUILT IN CRIMINAL TRIAL.
 4. LAWYERS FOR FRENCH COMPANY THAT HAD CHARTERED SS FRANCE II AND FOR FRENCH GOVERNMENT, AS OWNER, DEEATED ISSUE OF WHICH PARTY WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CIVIL DAMAGES.
 5. COURT WILL RENDER ITS DECISION IN FOUR TO SIX WEEKS. EMBASSY WILL REPORT RESULTS. MAITRE WAROT IS IN CONTACT WITH HIS CLIENTS IN U.S.
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